(b) Government have also seen newspaper reports that China has development system for moving soldiers quickly to various parts of China including Tibet.

(c) Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national security.

**Pakistan's acquiring of fighters from Russia**

2689. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is likely to acquire Russian SU-28 and MIG fighters in near future; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports regarding Pakistan's interest in acquiring sophisticated military aircraft from Russia. According to information available no transaction has been finalised so far.

Pakistan's continuous efforts to acquire sophisticated arms and equipment beyond its legitimate defence needs, is a cause of concern. Our views in this regard have been conveyed to the Russian Government.

Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

**Using of Hyderabad grapes for Food Processing Sector**

2690. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any industries have been identified in the food processing sector using Hyderabad grapes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the status of the proposal to establish Grape Research Institute by the Central University in Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) Fruit products such as grape juices, resins, canned products, grape must, wines, etc., are prepared from grapes. There are 175 fruit and vegetable processing units in the State of Andhra Pradesh licenced under the Fruit Products Order, 1955 and over 50 of those units are capable of processing grapes. While the Ministry do not have any proposal for setting up of a Grape Research Institute, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has a proposal to set up a National Research Centre for grapes in one of the potential grape growing States during the Eighth Plan period.

**Marine Products in India**

2691. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of exclusive economic zone along Indian coasts and what percentage of the world Exclusive-Economic Zone falls to India's share:

(b) what is the extent of marine products yield per year in India, and what percentage of the world marine products from exploitation of Exclusive-Economic Zone does it constitute, indicating the yield during 1990, 1991 and 1992:

(c) what position in the world is held by India amongst producers and exporters of such products; and

(d) what area of Exclusive-Economic Zone falls along Gujarat and Maharash-

tra coasts and how far the Exclusive Economic Zone along these States are being exploited and what proposals, if any are pending clearance or pending implementation for better exploitation of Exclusive Economic Zone along the coasts in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The area of Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is 2.02 million Square Kilometres. The percentage of Indian EEF as compared to the total EEZ of different countries of the world is not available as a number of countries have not settled their maritime boundaries and some countries are yet to declare their Exclusive Economic Zone.

(b) The quantum and percentage of marine fish production in India in the context of world fish production during the last three years are:—

| Year | Marine fish Production in India (In lakh tonnes). | percentage of World Production |
|---|---|---|
| 1989-90 . . . . . | 22.57 | 2.71 |
| 1990-91 . . . . . | 23.00 | 2.71 |
| 1991-92 . . . . . | 24.69 | 2.82 |

(c) So far as fish production is concerned, India ranks seventh in the world. The total export of fish and fish products by top ten countries of the world is about US $ 15778 million in 1989 compared to India's export of marine products of US $ 481.18 million in the same year.

(d) Although total area of the Exclusive Economic Zone along Gujarat and Maharashtra Coasts is not available, however, the otal coastline of these two States is 2360 Kilometres. Chartered foreign fishing vessels and deep sea fishing vessels under Joint Ventures/Test Fishing are operated by fishing companies for exploitation of deep sea resources along Gujarat and Maharashtra Coasts. There is no proposal of Joint Venture, Leasing and Test Fishing for exploitation of resources specifically along the costs of these States, pending clearance.

**Fishing projects**

2692. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growing importance has been attached to the fishing projects in the coastal and deep sea regions since the Seventh Five Year Plan, when it has been identified by Government as one of the thrust areas for its potential to export marine products;

(b) if so, what were the broad outlines of incentives envisaged for the fishing firms to augment its poduction;
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(c) what has been the picture of incentives actually availed of by the fishing firms in terms of financial assistances obtained for expansion of production capacities, vis-a-vis the achievement in this sector at the conclusion of the Seventh Plan;

(d) whether it is a fact that, in the year 1987, fishing firms represented to Government pleading for help to enable them overcome the operational problems arising out of acute financial constraints; and

(e) if so, the details of the measures taken, if any, to help them, and the situation presently prevailing?